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ALREADY COMPLETED, THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE DIALOGUE ALSO
FELT THAT THE CARIS OR AGRIS TYPE INFORMATION PROGRAMS
SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED AND THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
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WHICH SO DESIRED SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE
MEANS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE AND EXPLOIT THE INFORMATION
AVAILABLE UNDER THE BEST POSSIBLE CONDITIONS.

FERTILIZERS

1. THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE DIALOGUE AGREED IN STRESSING
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INCREASED USE OF FERTILIZERS IN
THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND IN ADVOCATING FOR THIS PUR-
POSE, IN PARALLEL WITH THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO
INCREASE SUPPLY IN THESE COUNTRIES, THAT IN PARTICULAR
MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN:

- TO IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE PRICE AND CREDIT POLICIES;
- TO RELEASE THE MEANS AND TRAIN THE PERSONNEL NECES-
SARY FOR ADVISORY AND EXTENSION PURPOSES;
- TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADEQUATE PACKAGING,
TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND DISTRUBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE
AND ORGANIZATION, FOR THE PRODUCTS INVOLVED.

AT THE SAME TIME THEY AGREED THAT THE EFFORTS MADE IN
THIS DIRECTION SHOULD TAKE CARE TO AVOID TWO PRINCIPAL
DANGERS:

- OVER-EMPHASIZING THE USE OF FERTILIZERS AT THE
EXPENSE OF OTHER INPUTS;
- CONCENTRATING EXCESSIVELY ON CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS,
WITH CONSIDERABLE AVAILABLE SUPPLIES OF FERTILIZERS OF

ORGANIC ORIGIN REMAINING UNDER-USED.

2. ANALYSIS OF THE AVAILABLE DATA ON THE PROSPECTS FOR ADAPTING SUPPLY TO DEMAND AND PARTICULARLY THE WORK RECENTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE FAO COMMITTEE ON FERTILIZERS SHOWS THAT BY 1980/81, IN A WORLD-WIDE SURPLUS MARKET, PRODUCTION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL STILL BE BELOW FORESEEABLE DEMAND, THOUGH VERY MUCH LESS SO (EXCEPT FOR POTASSIUM FERTILIZERS) THAN PREVIOUSLY. THIS PATTERN MEANS THAT THE GOVERNMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED MUST CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO EXPAND THE SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHILE ADOPTING AN ATTITUDE COMBINING CAUTION--IN ORDER TO AVOID FLOODING THE MARKET WITH PRODUCTS, WHICH MIGHT HAVE A LONG-TERM DISCOURAGING

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EFFECT ON THE INVESTMENTS WHICH WOULD STILL BE NECESSARY-- WITH A WATCHFULNESS EVABLING THEM TO REACT IN TIME IF THERE ARE ANY IGGNS OF RISK OF INSUFFICIENT SUPPLY AT THE MID-POINT OR BY THE END OF THE NEXT DECADE. THIS APPROACH LED THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE DIALOGUE TO CONSIDER THAT THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN:

EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO REDUCE THE UNDER-UTILIZATION OF EXISTING PRODUCTION CAPACITY BY IMPLE-
MENTATION OF AID PROGRAMS, WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE PROVISION FOR SENDING EXPERTS TO THE COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT SO WISH; THIS TECHNICAL AID EFFORT SHOULD ALSO COVER THE PROBLEM OF KEEPING PRESENT EQUIPMENT IN GOOD RUNNING ORDER;
THERE SHOULD BE CONTINUED APPROPRIATE GROWTH IN THE SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES POSSISSING THE NECESSARY ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS RESOURCES AND NATIONAL OR REGIONAL MARKETS CAPABLE OF ABSORBING THE ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION AND WHICH CAN PRODUCE IN ECONOMICALLY SATISFACTORY CONDITIONS, ON THE UNDERSTANDING HOWEVER THAT THE MAIN CONTRIBUTION IN THE WAY OF CAPITAL OR TECHNOLOGY SHOULD COME FROM ECONOMIC OPERATORS; ACTION BY THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES IN THIS FIELD SHOULD RATHER TAKE THE FORM OF GENERAL MEASURES AIMED AT IMPROVING INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION OR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY;

RESEARCH STUDIES CURRENTLY UNDER WAY TO ASSESS TRENDS IN WORLD SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR EACH OF THE THREE MAIN FERTILIZERS SHOULD BE CARRIED FORWARD. THE SCOPE OF THESE STUDIES SHOULD BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE ASSESS-
MENT OF SITUATIONS REGION BY REGION AND THE PROGRAMS EXTENDED BEYOND THE PERIOD CURRENTLY BEING EXPLORED.

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